

FROM THE I. B. S.

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The month of October turned out to be nicely crowded. Here in New York we've been coming up for air from underneath a pile of work of all varieties; for their part, the college stations have been very busy too. Most of the schools are returning to their pre-war two-semester years, and this has involved a lot of October schedule shifting.

The two big IBS projects for the month dealt with further expansion of the organization. A letter was addressed to several hundred college presidents, inviting them to start IBS stations on their campus. About 10% have replied to date, all expressing interest.

The other project was the mailing of a general release on IBS' post-war plans, and on the opening of the new Swarthmore--Bryn Mawr-Haverford network in Pennsylvania November 15th. This was mailed to 400 radio editors throughout the U.S., and to 400 more college papers. It is still too early to evaluate the results. The last release like this, some years back, gave public interest in college broadcasting a tremendous shot in the arm.

IBS is encouraging colleges with former IBS stations (closed due to the war) to start them up again. At one time or another during the past five years, the IBS included 50 stations (Active and Trial). We have received three answers from the six "old-time" schools approached to date. They were all eager to resume broadcasting as soon as possible.

So all in all, the "period of unfettered expansion" we forecast in this newsletter in August is slowly becoming something of a reality. If we all had more time, this would be a good spot for a pep-talk.

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By now, all of you have received copies of the work of the Constitutional Committee, elected at the summer Convention. This Committee was charged with drawing up a new improved IBS Constitution, and with organizing a series of codes to govern member-stations operation. The codes and the proposed Constitution have been in your hands for the past week or so, and we have arrived at a satisfactory date for the Board of Governors meeting, to vote on this material. The Board will meet in New York, at the Hotel Commodore, Room 159, on November 24th and 25th (the Thanksgiving weekend).

Every active IBS member is expected to send its Board of Governors Representative to this meeting, to vote on the provisions of the new Constitution and the codes. Other interested station personnel are also welcome.

In order to have the fullest possible discussion of debatable points at the actual meeting, your station should hold its own meeting sometime before the Thanksgiving vacation, and see just what the Constitutional Committee has set down on the sheaf of papers sent to you. A thorough examination and explanation beforehand will allow your Representative to play a more fruitful part in the final discussion.

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PLEASE POST

There are two new items in the transcription department, One series being shipped is called "Great Americans." It is prepared by the Institute for Democratic Education; and dramatizes the lives of such men as Franklin Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Woodrow Wilson, etc. We have not auditioned these records personally, but the review clippings from Billboard and Variety indicate that they contain worthwhile program material.

Two promotional brochures on "New World A-Coming," the WMCA series on democracy and tolerance, are enclosed. WMCA will make pressings of this series of 26 records available to an IBS station at \$15 a record, which is low as far as they are concerned, but still astronomical as far as average IBS finances go.

Sponsorship is allowable, but it must be limited to interested non-commercial groups. We are still trying to find a way to help finance this series.

Sincerely,

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